## REMARKS

Claims 1, 17, 24, and 26-39 are now pending.

The status identifiers for the claims presented in the previous amendment have been corrected. Claims 2-3, 14-16, 18-23, 25, and 40 are cancelled. Claims 1, 24, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 36, and 37 are currently amended. Claims 17, 26, 27, 30, 31, 35, 38, and 39 were previously presented. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 50-2544** referencing docket no. 300622004900.

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